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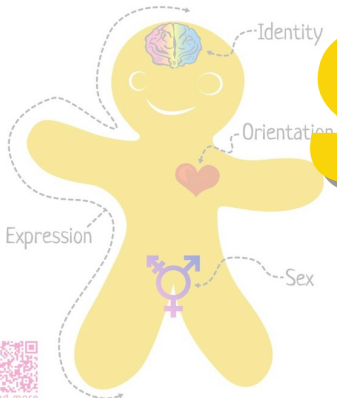
Delia Memorial School (Glee Path)

"CLOTHING IS INTEGRAL IN OUR IDENTITY, THE WAY WE CARRY OURSELVES, AND SELF-EXPRESSION."

"IT'S NOT SOMETHING YOU HAVE TO DO, IT'S SOMETHING YOU SHOULD DO."



The Genderbread Person
by www.ItsPronouncedMetrosexual.com



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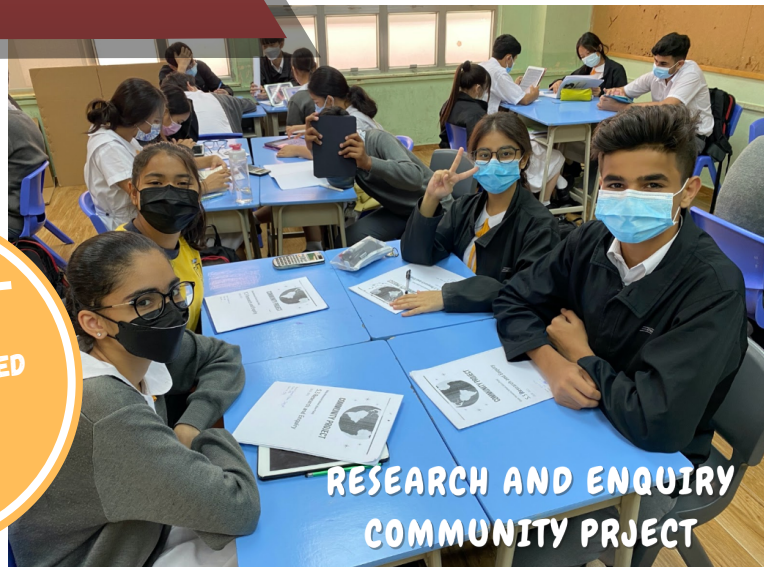
OUR STUDENTS TAKE THE LIMELIGHT BY STORM



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CHALLENGING GENDER NORMS THROUGH FASHION: EXPRESS

Q1: How did you come up with the idea of Express?

Our idea came to be after we had observed a couple of 5B students who had brought up the idea of “cross-dressing” in their English project, projecting a similar agenda with the hope of bringing into light the gender constructs that are associated with clothing. Struck with the lightning of inspiration and hope for change, we wanted, as a student body, to spread this message on a larger-scale—with the intention of bringing this controversial issue on the table, paving way for other issues that have yet to be discussed in Glee Path.

Q2: Do you have any specific aims/objectives/goals for Express? / What do you hope to achieve from this event?

Our “crossdressing” event was truly the one that brought us all together, and sparked this discussion to light. Clothing, although might at first glance be something so simple, is integral in our identity, the way we carry ourselves, and self-expression. We wanted to challenge the gender norms that are typically associated with clothing, and how harmful these norms and stereotypes are in the way we express and carry ourselves. And more importantly, we wanted to educate not only the student body but the entire school

on the repercussions that come with constricting ourselves with such stereotypes. In doing so, being able to create a safe space for students, teachers and staff alike to express themselves freely—starting with something as simple as the way we dress.

Q3: Why do you think it is important to have an event like this?

We won't deny that this event and the process behind making it happen is impactful. It changes the way the student body is able to voice out their opinions, especially when what we are voicing and working towards is something controversial. This event paves the way to widening the scope of what we are able to talk about and raise awareness about in our school, and to being able to start that discussion towards an issue that we care deeply about is significant in making that happen.

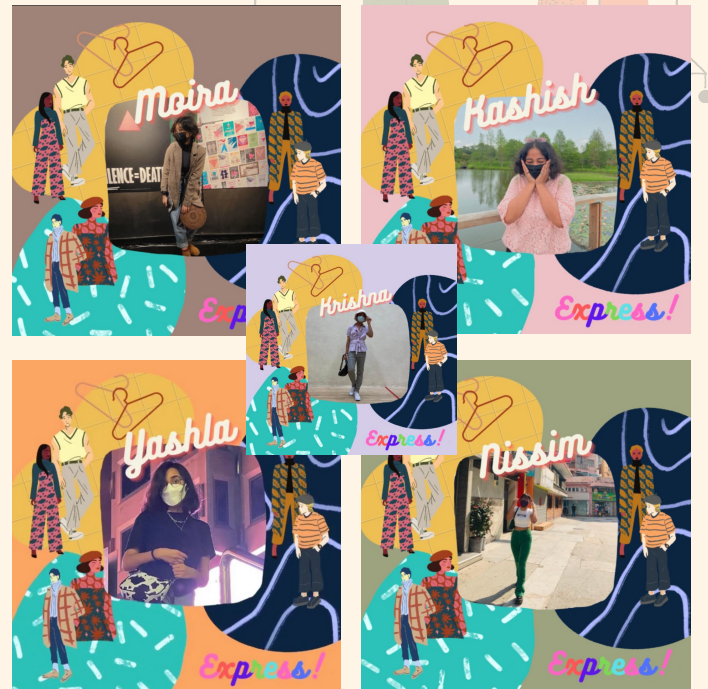
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Q4: What's the one thing you want to avoid in this event? How will you do so?

The controversy of this event is one that is of concern for not only students who wish to join, but to us core members as well. One of the initial precautions we had taken to see that this was addressed was to write a notice to parents to inform the cause of our event—but we had learnt that this is not enough, as education and proper awareness towards our cause was yet to happen, Bullying and prejudice towards our cause should not be tolerated, to say the least. However, we are ready to take the careful first step towards advocating for “controversial” issues like these, in order to pave the way for a healthier discussion towards more.

Q5: I'm sure there are individuals in Glee Path who strongly wish to join this event, but decide not to due to personal reasons. Could you share a few words of encouragement for our fellow classmates?

We are sure that it is difficult to come out and discuss this issue—in fact, some of us are also scared! Joining our future events is completely optional. The purpose of this is to create a safe space for individuals to discuss topics regarding gender expression, sexuality, and more, without feeling scrutinised and vulnerable to hate, and we hope to create that safe space for you to express yourself without feeling such. We hear you and we hear your concerns! If you wish to tell us your thoughts and ideas about our cause, we are open to messages on our Instagram account, @express.glee.



COLLABORATING TO BRING RISE TO ALARMING ISSUES: R&E



What is the R&E (Research and Enquiry) project about?

The R and E Community Project is a major activity for students to complete in S.3 at Delia Memorial School (Glee Path). The community project is a culmination of student engagement in the three years of Research and Enquiry. Students are expected to demonstrate their previous knowledge and perform research in this project. They will also generate new creative insights and develop deeper understanding through in-depth investigation.

Students are required to select a global issue that they are interested in researching more and developing a solution for the problems. The project will first begin with learning more about the current situation of the selected topic, followed by the design of the solution.

There will be an exhibition at the end of S.3 for them to showcase their research progress and results. Students are expected to participate in a sustained, self-directed inquiry within a global context.



Research Topic 1: Advocating for Homelessness

Our topic is to help the Homeless people who are not in the best state, especially during the pandemic. We aim to spread awareness about this situation to as many people as we can and this is the best opportunity to do this. We also have a donation box so we can donate to homeless charities and even convince the people we are exhibiting to, donate to as many homeless charities as they can.

Helping the homeless people is a common courtesy. We should provide them with resources as they have no education and are unable to support themselves. We should not have second thoughts or regrets about situations like these because you know you are doing this for a good cause. Not all of us come from a socially wealthy family or a middle class family. That's why we need to work together in order to bring them to a position where they can support themselves. Millions of people suffer everyday and it's our job as humans to care for them. It's not something you have to do, it's something you should do.

Research Topic 2: Advocating for Academic Stress

Our topic is about academic stress. Academic stress is correlated to having distress over academic challenges. These include fear of failure and being pressured to do well in school. Parents are normally the cause for pressure as they want their children to be successful in their studies.

We chose this topic because it is related to school and a lot of students go through academic stress. It is important to know how to cope with stress or else it can impact your mental health. Especially since COVID-19 has affected a lot of students in their academics, schools had to be closed because of the surge in COVID-19 cases for a very long time.

THE R&E AND TOK EXHIBITION: **BE A THINKER, NOT JUST A LEARNER** ENQUIRY EXHIBITION 2020-2021

On 7th July, R&E and IB students will hold an Enquiry Exhibition. The R&E Exhibition will be held on the first floor of the school, in which R&E students will present both a social issue and a proposed solution. The IB Exhibition will be held in the School Hall, where the IB students will answer IA (Internal Assessment) prompts with a selection of objects and interpretive commentary.

Interested in broadening your horizons and exploring exciting questions about knowledge? Then this exhibition is for you; see you soon!



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**BE A THINKER
NOT JUST A LEARNER**
ENQUIRY EXHIBITION
2020-2021

7th July, 2021
9:30a.m. - 01:30p.m.

Location: 1-3 Glee Path,
Mei Foo Sun Chuen, Kowloon

Including :

- S1 & S2 - Best Researcher
- S3 & S5 - Enquiry Exhibition
- A Showcase of Student Projects

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